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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 5402

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL HOLT

REF: STATE 120261

1. WE ARE DELIGHTED AT FORTHCOMING VISIT OF MY OLD FRIEND PAT HOLT AND SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO MAKE HIS SOJOURN IN CARACAS A SUCCESS.
2. WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY GOV TO SEND A FORMAL NOTE REQUESTING INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CALDERA. HOWEVER, STAFFDEL SHOULD BE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT RESPONSE MAY NOT REPEAT NOT BE AFFIRMATIVE BECAUSE OF LINGERING RESENTMENT IN COPEI PARTY RESULTING FROM REPEATED REQUESTS BY ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, LORENZO FERNANDEZ, TO BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NIXON LAST AUTUMN, TO WHICH WE RETURNED A NEGATIVE REPLY.
3. OTHER SUGGESTED INTERVIEWS SEEM ENTIRELY FEASIBLE IN SO FAR AS SUMMER VACATIONS PERMIT.
4. IT SO HAPPENS THAT I HAD ALREADY SCHEDULED A LUNCHEON JUNE 26 IN HONOR OF LORENZO FERNANDEZ, AND I SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO ADD STAFFDEL TO LIST FOR THAT OCCASION.
5. WE NOTE STAFFDEL PREFERS TO CALL ON PEOPLE ALONE AND QUERY DOES HE HANDLE SPANISH? ABOUT HALF THE PEOPLE ON HIS LIST DO

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NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. IF INTERPRETER NEEDED, WE WOULD RECOMMEND
DAVID COX OF EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION, WHO IS KNOWN TO STAFFDEL
AND HANDLES SPANISH WELL. LIKEWISE, WE ARE APPOINTING COX AS
CONTROL OFFICER.
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